

Senate File 54 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at
2 regents universities for Iowa national guard members who are
3 residents of Iowa.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, subsection 17, Code 2013, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. (1) Direct each institution of higher
4 learning governed by the board to waive tuition and mandatory
5 fee charges to a member of the Iowa national guard who is a
6 resident of this state or who was a resident of this state
7 at the time of entry into the Iowa national guard. Tuition
8 and mandatory fees shall be waived for not more than one
9 hundred twenty-eight semester credit hours or eight semesters
10 of undergraduate study, or the equivalent. The limitation
11 on credit hours and semesters of study shall be applied
12 cumulatively within the regents university system. The waiver
13 shall apply only for the amount of tuition and mandatory fee
14 charges that exceeds the total amount of any state and federal
15 education benefits, grants, or scholarships the national guard
16 member is eligible for or receives, including but not limited
17 to the federal Pell grant, federal educational assistance
18 for the selected reserve, and the national guard educational
19 assistance program under section 261.86.

20 (2) The department of veterans affairs and the college
21 student aid commission shall provide information and assistance
22 to such an institution upon request.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill requires the state board of regents to direct each
25 of its universities to waive tuition and mandatory fee charges
26 to a member of the Iowa national guard who is a resident of this
27 state or who was a resident of this state at the time of entry
28 into the Iowa national guard.

29 Tuition and mandatory fees shall be waived for not more than
30 128 semester credit hours or eight semesters of undergraduate
31 study within the regents university system. The waiver
32 shall apply only for the amount of tuition and mandatory fee
33 charges that exceeds the total amount of any state and federal
34 education benefits, grants, or scholarships the national guard
35 member is eligible for or receives.

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2 aid commission must provide information and assistance to a
3 regents university upon request.